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SAFETY AUDIT BY RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have conducted safety audit to monitor the implementation and effectiveness of a rail transport operator`s Safety Management System;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which it is likely to be beneficial to Railways?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): For ensuring implementation of prescribed rules and guidelines for safe operation of trains, two types of Safety Audits are being conducted by Railways regularly, viz.:

(i) Bi-monthly safety audit by the individual Zonal Railway of its own divisions; and

(ii) An inter-railway safety audit/inspection conducted twice a year in blocks of January to June and July to December by a multi-disciplinary team of Railway officers.

The safety teams can inspect stations, major coaching depots, running rooms, loco sheds, points & crossings, derailment-prone sections etc.

(c): These audits/inspections serve as an important tool to evaluate safety performance and identify system failures and generic shortcomings. Zonal Railways submit their Audit Reports followed by Action Taken Reports on the deficiencies found during the audit to the Ministry of Railways. These reports are analysed by Railway Board for issuance of necessary instructions as and when required.